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Applicants: Richard W. Friesen et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS TO ACCOMPANY
THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 9, 2004, please amend the identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.